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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5-14 and 23-26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15- 22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. The allowance of claims 15-22 has been withdrawn due to new grounds based on newly found prior art. The examiner regrets any inconvenience to Applicant.

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 15-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 15, the phrase "the memory", lines 14 lacks antecedent basis since the memory is a whole memory which can be divided into a plurality of memory cells.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the

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invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 15 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kondo (US 5,926,212).

With regard to claim 15, Kondo discloses (as best understood) in Fig. 19, an imaging processing apparatus that performs a method of sensing a physical characteristic and compressing a stream of digital data corresponding to the physical characteristic (CCD image pickup device captures digital images from an object and compress the digital images, col. 12, lines 66-67 and col. 13, lines 1-35), the method comprising sensing a physical characteristic (CCD image pickup apparatus captures an object image); generating a first digital datum representing the physical characteristic at a first time (I, P and B pictures, col. 13, line 17); storing the first digital datum in an individually addressable memory cell (motion vector detecting 6; Noted that circuit 6 must includes a memory cell that can hold I, P and B pictures), generating a second digital datum representing the physical characteristic at a second time, the second time being different than the first time (the CCD camera captures I, P and B pictures); storing the

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second digital datum in the same memory cell as the first digital datum (the I, P and B pictures are stored in the same memory cell so as to determine the difference between the pictures, col. 13, lines 19-43); automatically interacting in the memory cell the first digital datum with the second digital datum to provide a processing result (circuit 6 determines the difference between the previous and current frames so as to output an absolute value to circuit 58); and outputting from the memory to a processor a compressed stream of digital data representing the physical characteristic, the stream being compressed in accordance with the processing result (the result of motion vector detecting circuit is outputted an adding circuit 10 and to a memory 11a as shown in Fig. 19).

With regard to claim 20, Kondo discloses the camera that generates the video data (video signals are generated from image data).

4. Claims 16-19 and 21-22 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Claims 1-14 and 23-26 are allowed.

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6: The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kobayashi et al discloses a motion estimation apparatus that includes processing elements.

Purcell et al discloses video compression circuit that includes memory cells.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TUAN HO whose telephone number is (571) 272-7365. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 7AM to 4PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's acting supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (572) 273-8300.

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